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Director, FBI

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REC-9 EAST COAST HOMOPHILE ORGANIZATIONS

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BUDED 10/8/65

Enclosed are two copies of a letter dated 9/7/65 from the Department of the Army and two copies of a parallel captioned "East Coast Homophile Organizations." The enclosures are self-explanatory.

Legat, Ottawa, should, through his Canadian sources, handle the investigation requested by the Department of the Army in its letter. Furnish results of this investigation to the Bureau in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

A check of Bufiles regarding [redacted] revealed that her husband was the subject of a previous Security of Government Employees investigation during 1964. The basis of this investigation was that the husband had corresponded with the Industrial Workers of the World, which organization has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to the Executive Order 10450.

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Enclosures (4)

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Letter to Legat, Ottawa
RE: EAST COAST HOMOPHILE ORGANIZATIONS
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NOTE: Army is currently conducting an investigation to determine identity of persons responsible for printing pamphlet concerning "How to Handle a Federal Interrogation," which pamphlet was recently posted in the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. Pamphlet bears imprimatur of the East Coast Homophile Organization and allegedly was printed by the Gay Publishing Company, 980 Queen Street East, Toronto, Canada. Specifically, Army desires to know identity of persons who contracted for printing of pamphlet; quantity of pamphlets printed, and whether any violation of Canadian law exists in connection with printing or exporting of pamphlets. Army also desires any information on a [redacted] who allegedly is the [redacted] of the Gay Publishing Company.

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7 September 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 845, Riddell Building
1730 K Street NW
Washington, D. C.

ATTN: Mr. Patrick D. Putnam, Special Agent

Dear Mr. Putnam:

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Our files contain additional references to the Gay Publishing Company with an address of 122 Wellington Street West, Toronto, Ontario. There is also a possible relation between this firm and the magazines "Gay Male" and "Gay Female," published by John Blunt Publications and Enterprises, Ltd., 230 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

Our files further reflect that on 9 June 1965 in Arlington, Virginia, a [redacted] Arlington, Virginia, was apprehended by civil police for "possession of obscene material." At the time of her apprehension, [redacted] was in possession of a business card identifying herself as [redacted] Gay Publishing Company, Ltd."

In furtherance of our investigation, we would appreciate the assistance of the appropriate Canadian agency in determining the identity of the persons who contracted for the printing of the subject pamphlet and the quantity of pamphlets printed. If appropriate, ascertain if any violation of Canadian law has taken place in connection with the printing or exporting of the subject pamphlet.

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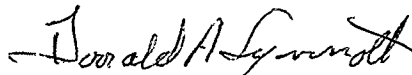
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We would also appreciate a resume of information pertaining to the cited publishing companies and magazines and such information as is available concerning

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Very truly yours,



DONALD A. SYNNOTT

Lt Colonel, MPC

Executive Officer

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 20, 1965

EAST COAST HOMOPHILE ORGANIZATIONS

On October 15, 1965, a confidential source abroad furnished the following information concerning the above matter:

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[redacted] continued that there was no connection between John Blunt Publications and Gay Publishing Company. He also informed that [redacted] an American citizen, wrote several articles for [redacted] but has only been in their Toronto Office on two or three occasions.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: LEGAT, OTTAWA (163-598) (P)

SUBJECT: ~~EAST COAST HOMOPHILE ORGANIZATIONS~~ ---
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BUDED: 10/8/65

Rebulet to Legat, Ottawa, 9/16/65.

Enclosed are the original and seven copies of LHM containing the results of investigation furnished in a letter to this office, dated 10/1/65, from the [] which is the confidential source abroad mentioned in the LHM.

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The information in the enclosure may be disseminated as received.

[] advised further inquiries are being conducted regarding John Blunt Publications and Enterprises and further advice will be forthcoming; also, Robert Maynard, mentioned in LHM, will be interviewed upon his return to Toronto.

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Inquiries were conducted on September 24, 1965, at the Gay Publishing Company, 930 Queen Street, East, Toronto; however, no one at this address was able to supply any information concerning the publication of the pamphlet entitled "East Coast Homophile Organizations." The [redacted] [redacted] was out of the city at that time and was not expected to return until the beginning of October, 1965.

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The Metropolitan Toronto Police Department Morality Squad has investigated the Gay Publishing Company in the past and their members advise that almost the entire business is the printing of material pertaining to homosexuals and lesbians. It was learned that the magazine "Gay Male" and "Gay Female" as well as "Gay International" and "Gay" are printed at this establishment. They were established slightly more than one year ago, and were described as being "a losing proposition."

The officers of the Gay Publishing Company are:



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Metropolitan Toronto Police Department has no record of [redacted] and the source mentioned above was unable to obtain any information concerning her. The Toronto Police Department advised that no laws have been violated in Toronto in connection with the printing of the pamphlet in question.

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